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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
- EXAMINING GROUP 1773**

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

VIJAYEN, VEERASAMY et al.

Application No.: 09/165,513

Filed: October 2, 1998

For: METHOD OF PRODUCING RECORDING
MEDIA HAVING PROTECTIVE
OVERCOATS OF HIGHLY TETRAHEDRAL
AMORPHOUS CARBON

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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 22, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 38, 59, and 61-63 and please cancel claim 60, as follows.

All claims are set forth for convenient reference.

1 38. (Twice Amended) An article comprising:
2 a substrate; and
3 a layer disposed over the substrate, the layer comprising a highly tetrahedral
4 amorphous carbon having more than about 15% sp³ carbon-carbon bonds and a single peak
5 Raman spectrum, the layer further comprising at least one of hydrogen and nitrogen;
6 wherein a percentage of sp³ carbon-carbon bonds in the layer increases as a layer
7 thickness decreases.